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## **Majority Leader Aresimowicz Announces Funding For Berlin**

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D – Berlin/Southington) is pleased to announce that the State Bond Commission has approved a \$150,000 grant-in-aid to the town of Berlin to establish a Village District along Farmington Avenue around the train station in Kensington. The item was approved by the Commission on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

“I thank Majority Leader Aresimowicz for his continued support of Berlin,” said Berlin Mayor Rachel Rochette. “The approval of the \$150,000 grant will allow the town to conduct planning activities, including outreach to property owners, businesses and the public, to develop strategies to help us realize our future transit-oriented development opportunities in the Berlin train station and Kensington Village area.”

The funding will allow design work to start for a boulevard that will connect the train station with several town-owned parcels on Farmington Avenue. The town is hoping that the section will become a village center combining retail and residential development. The curving boulevard will be much like the driveway at Berlin’s municipal complex, which gives people access to town hall, school offices, the library, the police station and a housing complex.

“Berlin has been making great strides to revitalize the downtown area and increase economic development,” said Aresimowicz. “This funding will assist the town in furthering their efforts to make Berlin’s downtown area an appealing place to both businesses and community members.”

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**Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.**